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BAUER et al.

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For:

Method for the Production of Undergarments by Means of Adhesion Connection

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

SIR:

It is respectfully requested that the art listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 be made of record in the above captioned National Phase application in the U.S. and be considered by the U.S. Patent Examiner in the above application and made of record therein by including same in the "References Cited" portion of any patent to issue from this U.S. Patent Application of Bauer et al.

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application. These references include all the references cited in the official search report of February 8, 2000, in the corresponding German patent application, and all of the references cited in the international search report dated December 20, 2000, for the application PCT/EP00/08573.

OFFICIAL SEARCH REPORT, German Patent Application No.: 199 44 700.4

The documents listed below are being brought to the Examiner's attention because they have been cited in the corresponding German patent application:

- (1) German Patent Application No. DE 2,146,808, together with an English translation of the Abstract;
- (2) European Patent Application No. EP 0 809 945 A2, together with an English translation of the Abstract; and
 - (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,154,659.

A copy of the German Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's information.

OFFICIAL SEARCH REPORT, International Pat. Appln. No. PCT/EP00/08573

The documents listed below are being brought to the Examiner's attention because they have been cited in the corresponding PCT international application. The references marked with an asterisk are mentioned in the international preliminary examination report

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dated June 21, 2001, as well:

- (1) European Patent Application No. EP 0 852 915 A2*;
- (2) United Kingdom Patent Application No. GB 2,316,353 A*;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 4,701,964;
- (4) German Utility Model No. DE 299 03 484 U1, together with an English translation of the Abstract; and
- (5) German Utility Model No. DE 296 09 672 U1, together with an English translation of the Abstract.

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STATEMENT OF CORRESPONDING FOREIGN APPLICATIONS:

In addition to priority application, German Patent Application No. 199 44 700.4, there are two corresponding foreign application in the above captioned matter:

- (1) European Patent Application No. 00 962 428.9 dated September 2, 2000; and
- (2) Australian patent application (number still unknown), dated September 2, 2000.

No representation is made or intended that better art than that listed is not available, or that the order of information listed is significant, or that an independent search

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has been made by the applicant. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider this information under 37 CFR 1.104.

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	СС	Util. Mod. DE 296 09 672 U1	5/31/96 (filed)	Germany			Abstract in English
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